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Enthusiastic Democrats Hail Their Names Democratic Day at the State Fair and Add "Well Done."

The Battle for Delegates, Committeeships and Other Big Plums Taking Up Attention of Local Statesmen.

Wet and Dry Question Will Cut a Big Figure in Next Year's Battle Throughout the State of Illinois.

Factions in Both the Big Parties Are Making a Hard Fight for the Control of the Managing Committees.

"Well Done, Wilson and Dunne," was the legend on buttons worn by 125,000 Illinois Democrats on Democratic Day at the State Fair.

The enthusiasm for the President of the United States and the enthusiasm for the Governor of Illinois was the marked feature of the great affair.

It gave a cold shower bath to the plotters who have been trying to down Wilson and Dunne.

The enthusiasm with which their names were greeted proved that Wilson and Dunne are greater favorites in Illinois than ever.

The enthusiasm for Governor Dunne on Democratic Day at the State Fair made the fellows who have been talking about opposing his nomination look ridiculous.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 20.—Governor Edward F. Dunne was elected president today of the Famous Fathers' Club of Illinois, the membership of which is comprised of male parents of ten or more children. The club held a meeting at the Illinois state fair. Governor Dunne was elected not because he is governor of the state, but because he is the father of thirteen children.

A. L. Bales, formerly of Illinois, lost because he is now a resident of Pittsburg, Kan. He was a strong contender, the father of ten girls and five boys.

Senator James Hamilton Lewis takes issue with the federal reserve board, which body holds it has not the supervision necessary to stop the loan, as Senator Lewis has urged. The senator makes the point that the board is given by law supervision that will "assure that enough money is kept as reserve in national banks to protect depositors against the failure of the banks." He argues a \$1,000,000,000 loan will imperil the deposits of the people and that if such a transaction is not subject to supervision of the federal reserve board a bank may bankrupt itself under the system.

Governor Dunne's great popularity with Democrats was much in evidence at the State Fair.

E. O. Phillips, the able and far-seeing political editor of the Chicago Tribune, sees no chance for Roosevelt to win Illinois next year. He says in the Tribune: "Col. Roosevelt is without a chance to get the support of the Illinois delegation for the nomination to the presidency in the next Republican national convention. It is too late for his friends to attempt to counteract the Sherman movement, even if they wanted to do so."

Two auditors from the offices of the public utilities commission have begun work on the books of the Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company to compile information for use by the commission when it takes up gas rates on Nov. 9.

These auditors are working in conjunction with the gas company's own auditors as a means of verifying the statement which the company has promised to have ready for the commission when the hearings start. According to this kind is provided for the utilities act, and the checking process is a system followed by the commission wherever it asks for a financial statement from any public utility corporation.

Chairman O'Connell said the commission could not act intelligently on the complaints relative to rates without a financial statement, and that the company had promised to prepare as complete a statement as it was possible to do within the time fixed.

The shortage of cars, which has bothered local distributors for many days, apparently is becoming worse instead of better, and many dealers are wondering just when they are going to be able to take care of back orders. They have sent out notices to prospective purchasers to get their orders in early that they may not have to wait unreasonably long in getting their cars.

"Well Done, Wilson and Dunne" is the Democratic battlecry.

Negligence in checking up the holdings of steam and electric railways has cost the State of Illinois \$35,000,000 within the last twenty years.

This was the assertion made by Albert Donoghue of the State Board of Equalization in connection with a charge that various roads have conspired for years to evade taxes. Donoghue was joined by J. J. Viterna, state equalizer, in the charge that the state had been losing from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000, a year for a number of years.

Ald. Ellis Geiger, chairman of the railway terminals committee, after a conference with Mayor Thompson, announced that plans for the electrification of the Chicago railways were going forward rapidly.

"The Illinois Central railroad will be the first," Mr. Geiger said, "and the others will follow as fast as practicable. We expect the report of the Association of Commerce to be out this week. It is in the hands of the printer now and we believe that it will shed much light upon railway electrification in Chicago."

Congressman James R. Mann will find a stiff fight on his hands for reelection to congress if he should fail to land the Republican nomination.

Chicago "drys" have started a campaign against the congressman in his district in Hyde Park and Woodlawn. The Republican house leader opposed the Hobson bill, which if it had passed would have given the states the right to vote on national prohibition. His opposition was on the ground that prohibition was a national and not a state issue.

The fight against Mann is under the direction of the Anti-Saloon League. Webster Davis, former Mayor of Kansas City, is making a series of addresses in the churches in Mann's district.

didates who have burned their bridges behind them.

Col. Smith accompanied his formal announcement with a statement to the voters of Illinois embodying his platform. The two policies advocated by him are the holding of a constitutional convention to change the election laws and enlarge the scope of woman suffrage, and the adoption of a limited form of home rule for municipalities.

Whether the Tice candidacy will secure the support of the Sherman for-

ican organizations who plan to raise more than \$2,000,000 within the coming year. According to a report read at a meeting of the committee held in the Polish Women's Alliance building at 1309 North Ashland avenue, the fund raised for relief of suffering Poland this year is \$500,000.

Using official position in State, County or City jobs for private graft must cease or there will be something doing.

People approached by any one claiming to be a solicitor for "official" organs, who are in the employ of the Sheriff, are requested to address The Eagle on the subject at once.

The Thompson crowd got in bad with Union Labor, through the pay roll marching club. City Attorney C. R. Francis forgot to inquire whether the 1st regiment band was union or nonunion. He signed a contract engaging the band to supply the music to red fire accomplishments before he learned it is not affiliated with the union. Now the Chicago Federation of Musicians is up in arms and the fear is expressed that this may hurt the Col. Lowden governorship boom which the city hall men are promoting.

What member of the Board of Local Improvements is personally interested in "bitumen" schemes for alley paving?

The subject of indirect bribe-taking and bribe-soliciting in the Illinois legislature will be gone into before long.

Sheriff Traeger is making a good public record and it would be too bad to have this record sullied in any way. A report has reached this office that a fellow, calling himself Ryan or something that sounds like it, said to be one of his Criminal Court bailiffs, or doortenders, or spittoon cleaners, has been using his official star and position to obtain business for a private concern. It is alleged that this bailiff, spittoon cleaner or whatever he is, represents the thing he works for as the official mouthpiece of the City Hall and County Building. This is very interesting, if true. If this report is correct Sheriff Traeger ought to get after the fellow who calls himself Ryan, whoever he is, without any further delay. There may be some

ROY WEST AHEAD

Republican Day Roundup at the State Fair Shows Present National Committeeman Leads in the Race.

Gossip About the Work of Public Officials and Others in Various Departments of Public Life.

Public Men and Public Conditions as They Are Seen by the People in the Light of Their Performances.

General Information of a Public and Political Nature From All Parts of the State and All Parties In It.

For National Committeeman, the Republican Round Up of Illinois politicians at the State Fair showed Roy O. West first—the rest nowhere.

Roy O. West is going to have the neutrals with him in his fight for National Committeeman. This announcement was made Wednesday at the State Fair.

John C. Cannon, one of the "neutrals," which faction lays claim to the title of original Sherman-for-president

Sherman, is reported to have declared "Mayor Thompson will not be national committeeman." Mr. Brundage has had several conferences with Mr. West on political affairs recently.

Homer K. Galpin, another leader of the "neutral" group and who supported Mayor Thompson in the primary contest last spring, has this to say of the Thompson-West battle:

"I will be for whoever Senator Sherman wants for national committeeman. The general impression is that our forces and the Deneen-West men will work together."

Joseph A. Painter, committeeman from the 14th ward, who lined up with the mayor in the judicial convention contest, has told political friends he will support Mr. West as against the mayor.

The city hall men are busy endeavoring to prevent other defections. It became known that George J. Feser, 4th ward committeeman, has been given a berth in the city hall. He has been appointed chief clerk in the water department. This is a civil service post and the appointment runs under the sixty-day license.

Roy O. West and Charles S. Deneen never went back on their Republican friends as hosts of Republican leaders throughout the state can testify. That is one of the reasons why sentiment showed so strongly for them among the G. O. P. crowd at the State Fair.

Mayor Thompson has lost a supporter he had in the judicial convention in Robert R. Levy, committeeman from the Third ward. Mr. Levy and the Third ward Republican organization have declared for the re-election of Mr. West as National Committeeman and the re-election of Mr. Levy as Ward Committeeman. Resolutions passed by the organization set forth that the Republicans in that section feel it is more seemly for the Ward Committeeman to look after ward politics than for the Mayor to endeavor to dictate. The Third ward is the home section of William A. Bithers, original Thompson supporter. Mr. Levy was willing to encourage the Mayor in his administration and only separated company when efforts were made to dictate the ward politics.

Republican day at the State Fair this week brought out the fact that the fight between the Thompson-Lundin and Deneen-West camps will cover every political office to be voted on next year from governor down to county officers and ward committeemen. The city hall leaders at a secret conference decided to put up a full county slate for the November, 1916, election. The understanding is that the slate will be complete. It will start with Mayor Thompson for national committeeman and Colonel Frank O. Lowden for governor, and will contain a choice for every position down to county committeeman. Thus all the activities for the state and county primaries and election are to be piled back of the Thompson-Lowden movement.

The discovery that the city hall forces already were busy mapping out the campaign on county offices led the Deneen-West-Brundage line-up to call an emergency session of its supporters on the Republican county committee.

Edward J. Brundage, who is the active Cook county manager of Senator

tee. They sought to discover whether the Thompson leaders had made any inroads. The inventory was reported to show a gain instead of a loss for the Deneen faction. Committeeman Joseph A. Painter, who lined up with the Mayor after election, came back into camp, and a report was spread that two other committeemen, names not divulged, were on the way.

Deneen-West leaders played up strong in Springfield the inability of the Thompson leaders to capture control of the Cook County committee so far, despite the fact that the mayor is practically the only Republican in Illinois with patronage at his disposal.

Fourteen possible starters for the governorship at the Republican primaries a year hence were tabbed as one of the chief attractions of state fair week in Springfield. They were:

Colonel Frank L. Smith.
Colonel Frank O. Lowden.
Medill McCormick.
Charles E. Merriam.
Andrew Russel.
John G. Oglesby.
C. J. Doyle.
E. J. Murphy.
Mayor Woodruff, Peoria.
Mayor Bennett, Rockford.
Logan Hay.
Senator E. S. Smith.
Hugh Magill.
B. M. Chipfield.

Other Republican candidates who were on the ground Wednesday were:

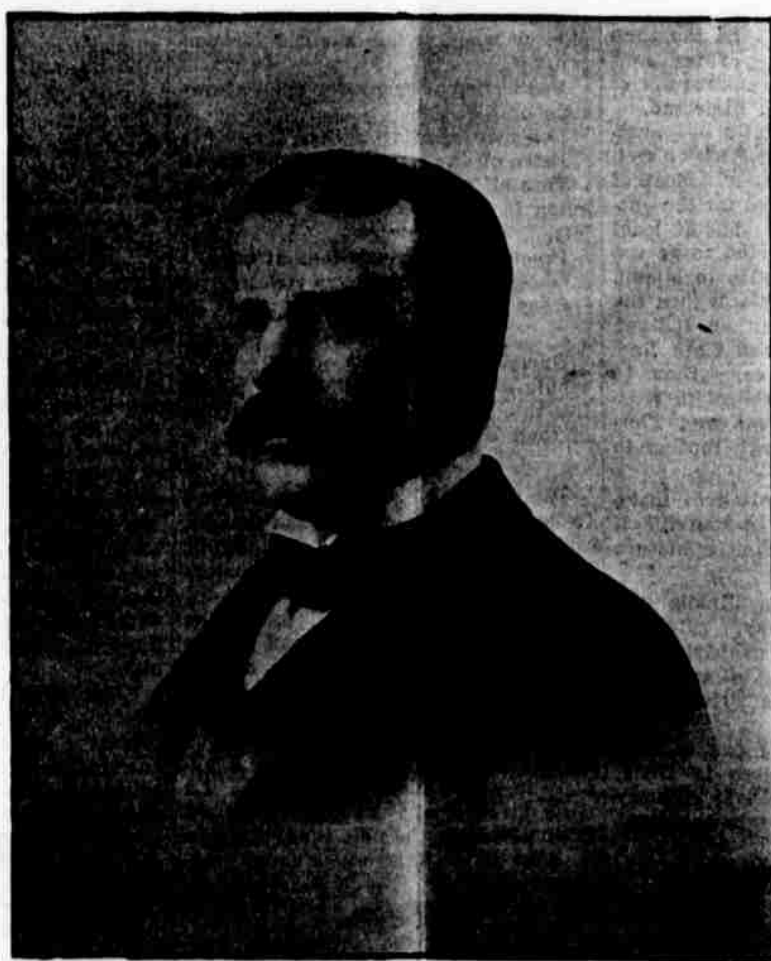
For Secretary of State—Albert Erickson, Chicago; James W. Gullet, Springfield; Walter W. Weston, Chicago; James H. Jayne, Monmouth; L. L. Emerson, Mount Vernon.
For Auditor—David E. Shanahan, Chicago; Homer Tice, Greenfield; E. C. Perkins, Lincoln; W. H. Eubank, Springfield; Gerald Lane, Chicago; Frank D. Whipp, Springfield; W. H. Crum, Mattoon.

State Treasurer—George Keys, Springfield; Nelson A. Lampert, Chicago; Len Small, Kankakee.
Attorney General—Richard J. Barr, Joliet; Samuel A. Eitelson, Chicago; George H. Wilson, Quincy; Walter Provine, Taylorville; Thomas Marshall, Chicago.

Lieutenant Governor—Frederick C. DeLang, Glenview; W. H. Cornwell, Chicago; Sam W. Latham, Eldorado.
Congressman at Large—William E. Mason, Joseph G. Cannon, E. J. Brundage, Medill McCormick.

"I am convinced Col. Lowden wants the support of Thompson and Lundin and that they (the Lowden forces) are for Thompson for National Committeeman," said Homer K. Galpin, who in the primary contest supported the Mayor for the nomination and was one of his campaign managers. Since the election Mr. Galpin has fallen out politically with the Mayor because of the activity of Fred Lundin, it is reported.

Edward J. Brundage, looked upon as the guiding genius in the Cook County Sherman presidential campaign, is in the same ward with Mayor Thompson and is said to have fallen out with the executive. The calculations say Mr. Brundage will, of necessity for self-preservation, have to direct the Sherman interests toward Roy O. West, present National Committeeman, upon whom the Mayor is waging political warfare.



FRANCIS STUYVESANT PEABODY.
President Chicago Athletic Association.

was a question which aroused discussion among politicians today. So far the Sherman-for-president boomers have kept neutral on the governorship. State Representative Tice, however, managed the successful Sherman campaign for senator, and his friends consider that he is entitled to support from the Sherman camp in the coming battle.

A penny a month a member for a period of twelve months is the unique taxation method contemplated by the relief committee of the Polish-American

very interesting developments along City Hall and other official lines about some of these alleged "approachments." The taxpayers are not paying for men to approach business men on behalf of "official organs" or anything else. Twenty-four hundred dollars a year is a pretty big salary. That is what this alleged Ryan is said to get from the County and if, as is reported, he is attending to outside business, Mr. Traeger might hunt up some one else for the \$2,400 job. There are plenty of men who need it and have no other connections.

men, voiced the sentiment. Mr. Cannon is Republican committeeman from the 26th ward.

"I am for Roy O. West first, last and all the time and it is my understanding that the rest of the committeemen in our group who have rallied to Senator Sherman are for Mr. West," said Mr. Cannon. "We know of no reason why Mr. West should not be retained as national committeeman. In influence on the national committee he is second to none."

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